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## 150 GIRLS TRAPPED IN 5TH AVE. SHOP FIRE

### MILLER THREATENS Hylan WITH ACTION ON TRANSIT IF IMPROVEMENT ISN'T SHOWN

Time Approaching When Obstructive Tactics Must Stop, Says Governor.

EXECUTIVE CHEERED.

"Champions of People" Have Done Nothing, He Says, at Luncheon.

Gov. Miller, in addressing the Fifth Avenue Association at luncheon today in the Waldorf-Astoria, made what his hearers construed as a threat of action against the City Administration unless the Mayor and his supporters cease the exercise of obstructive tactics in the matter of transit improvement. He intimated that he intends to force the City Administration to complete the 14th Street cross-town subway.

The men in attendance arose and cheered for nearly two minutes when the Governor said:

"I have made an observation and it is this: That that sort of official conduct is such a gross violation of official duty as to justify more drastic action. The time is approaching when public officials will no longer be able to pose as champions of the people while denying them necessary measures for relief."

The Governor outlined his actions in the matter of transit at considerable length and along lines already quite familiar to the people of this city, but he interjected some new matter at frequent intervals.

"Nothing has been done by the city administration," he declared, "because it has no authority competent to deal with the problem."

"At this moment the city is holding up rapid transit construction to which it is committed not only by contract but by its investment in the property. The 14th Street cross-town subway to Brooklyn has been sleeping for a year while the people are losing \$2,000 a day in interest charges."

"With transit facilities going backward and travel increasing the transit companies and the City Administration took attitudes that disordered the public mind. The companies giving poor service asked increased fare and the city began to curry favor with the public on the prejudices thus created. Both attitudes were wrong."

"Anybody can obstruct but it takes men of brains to construct."

**HERRICK MOURNS NAVY "WANTONLY DESTROYED"**

"Blessing if Some Little Nation Would Bombard Our Coast," He Says.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Asserting the government by treaty had "wantonly destroyed the navy," Representative Herrick, the Republican "beauty expert" from Oklahoma, said in an extension of remarks published today in the Congressional Record, that "it would be a blessing in disguise if some little third nation was to declare war on us and bombard some of our coast cities."

Mr. Herrick said it was immaterial whether the United States had any navy at all during the ten-year naval holiday, or until the "infamous treaty can be abrogated."

### VOTE OF ALL GENOA POWERS ON TREATY SOUGHT BY RUSSIA

Rathenau and Chicherin Meet Lloyd George—Germany Replies To-Night.

GENOA, April 19 (United Press).—The Russian delegation to the Genoa Conference announced to-day it will ask that the Russo-German treaty be discussed at a plenary session and put to a vote.

This was the Soviet answer to the Allied protest against the agreement privately signed at Rapallo on Easter Sunday by the German and Russian Foreign Ministers.

The Russian announcement of intention to appeal to the conference was particularly displeasing to M. Barthou and his colleagues in the French delegation. They wish the Allies to annul the treaty of Rapallo. As soon as the German reply was received, the French said, stronger action would be urged.

### TREATY SIGNERS AND LLOYD GEORGE HOLD CONFERENCE

Rathenau and Chicherin Take Up Allied Protest With British Premier.

GENOA, April 19. (Associated Press).—Dr. Walter Rathenau, the German Foreign Minister, conferred with Prime Minister Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Chicherin of Russia this morning regarding the barring of the Germans from the Russian Commission of the conference.

The Germans will probably submit a formal reply to-night to the Allied note on this subject.

The expected German demand for discussion of her case before a plenary session of the conference will prove "a mortal blow" to the conference, it is declared in a French communique issued here this noon.

The communique insists the dragging of the controversy into the full session of the conference would bring dishonor to the Allies.

### NEW GREAT CABLE ACROSS ATLANTIC

Will Be Ready to Carry 40,000,000 Words a Year, Beginning in 1923.

Plans for laying a new cable across the Atlantic to Northern Europe have been completed, Newcomb Carlton, President of the Western Union Telegraph and Cable Company, announced to-day. It will represent the greatest progress in cable construction in history and is the invention of engineers connected with the Western Electric and American Telephone Companies.

The old cables under the Atlantic are capable of handling 5,000,000 words a year, while the new line will carry 40,000,000. It will be laid from New York to the Azores and from there probably to a German port, and will be ready for messages by the summer of 1923.

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### FEDERAL CONTROL OF NEW YORK PORT URGED ON HARDING

National Marine League Head Sees \$53,000,000 Saving and Quick Reform.

ASKS SHIPPING RELIEF.

P. H. W. Ross Quotes President as Foreseeing Adjustment of Differences.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The suggestion that the Federal Government take control of the port facilities of New York Harbor at present administered jointly by the States of New York and New Jersey, was presented to President Harding to-day by P. H. W. Ross, President of the National Marine League.

Mr. Ross, during a conference at the White House, estimated that \$53,000,000 could be saved "by better port facilities" and declared favorable control would effect an immediate improvement in the situation.

President Harding was requested at the same time to lend his influence to the effort to harmonize differences between shippers of the Middle West and New York over shipping facilities.

Mr. Ross said the President declared he was cognizant of the situation and hoped the opposing elements would be able to arrive at an understanding and proceed in harmony.

One of the "differences" discussed involved the St. Lawrence Deeper Waterways.

### ATLANTIC FLYERS ABANDON TRIP

Damage to Machine Ends Hope of Reaching Brazil, Few Hundred Miles Away.

RIO JANEIRO, April 19 (Associated Press).—The Portuguese aviators who were attempting a flight from Portugal to Brazil will be unable to proceed in their hydroplane from St. Paul Rocks, a few hundred miles short of their goal on the American Continent, where they landed last night.

Because of damage to their machine, according to a Havas despatch from Pernambuco to-day, they must abandon the flight.

The message says their plane was so badly damaged in landing that it is not longer usable. The aviators, however, expect to save the motor.

### HARDING TO OUST REILY, IS REPORT

Said to Be Convinced He Is Not the Man to Govern Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—E. Mont Reily of Kansas City will be removed as Governor of Porto Rico in the near future, it was learned to-day from a source close to President Harding.

The President, it was said to-day by one of his confidantes on Porto Rican matters, is "convinced" that Reily is not the man to govern the island, and has decided it would be unwise to leave him there much longer.

### J. P. MORGAN AWAITING INVITATION OF ALLIES

Banker Silent on German Loan Until Notified Officially.

J. P. Morgan said this morning that he had not received an invitation to serve on the financial subcommittee of the Allied Reparations Commission which, according to cable reports, will consider an international loan for Germany.

Mr. Morgan said he did not care to discuss the matter further before receiving an official invitation.

### Lady Astor Says Modern Woman Needs Bomb That Will Raise Her; Blames Mothers for Flappers' Garb



LORD AND LADY ASTOR PHOTOGRAPHED ON ARRIVAL HERE TO-DAY.

### LADY ASTOR HERE, GREETED BY HER FAMILY AT PIER

Calls on Her Husband to Help Her Out in Her Interview.

Lady Astor, who is held to be the foremost feminine figure in politics in the world, returned to her homeland to-day on the White Star liner Olympic.

Although she has come here in an official capacity at the invitation of the League of Women Voters to sit as a delegate at the Pan-American Conference and attend the Women Voters' Convention in Baltimore, and was formally welcomed when the big Olympic reached Quarantine last night, the greeting she received at the pier was a far cry from the one she received when she landed in New York.

Among those who were waiting at the end of the pier to watch the vessel swing about were Lady Astor's sister, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, and her husband, the artist, and her aunt, Mrs. John Lewis of Lynchburg, Va. Lady Astor, by the way, is a Virginian, and the way in which she was hailed and greeted by the little knot of her own people at the pier end was obviously delightful to her.

As the Olympic came abreast of the pier, Lady Astor was standing at the ship's rail, clad in a black fur coat with a high chin-chilla collar, which quite enveloped her. She was carefully scanning the faces of all those who were awaiting the liner's arrival. The first person she spied in the

crowd was her husband, Lord Astor, who was standing at the pier's end, looking towards the ship.

Lord Astor, who is a member of the House of Lords, is a man of great influence in the world of politics and society.

The Olympic is a famous liner, and its arrival in New York is always a major event.

Lady Astor's visit to the United States is expected to be a successful one, and she is hoped to make many valuable contributions to the cause of women's rights.

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### HOLLIS'S DIVORCE FOUND ILLEGAL BY BULGARIAN STATE

Government Never Recognized Decree, Department of Religion Announces.

SOFIA TAKES ACTION.

"Did What I Thought Was Right," Former Member of Senate Explains.

SOFIA, April 19 (Associated Press).—The Department of Religion and Education of the Foreign Office has advised the Bulgarian Legation in Washington that the divorce issued to former United States Senator Henry F. Hollis of New Hampshire by the pastor of the Unitarian Church at Dubnitsa is not officially recognized by the Bulgarian State, and possesses no legal force.

The religion department denies having given official approval to the divorce papers, and the Government is instituting proceedings against Pastor Topitsky, who granted the divorce.

Dr. Dobtshof, professor of canonical law at Sofia University, declares the divorce invalid by virtue of the Bulgarian laws. He points out that Bulgarian religious authorities have not the power to annul a marriage concluded civilly either at home or abroad, and says that only the civil authority which executed such a marriage can annul it.

The Bulgarian newspapers are printing long articles commenting upon the strangeness of the case. Mr. Hollis is well known here, as he had represented a large American corporation endeavoring to sell the Government excess American war stocks of freight cars.

PARIS, April 19 (Associated Press).—Former United States Senator Hollis, when informed of the Bulgarian Government's action in declaring his recent divorce illegal, said: "All I care to say now is that I acted upon what I considered sound legal advice. I am confident the divorce will stand."

He added that the divorce documents had been authenticated by the Bulgarian Minister in Rome.

WASHINGTON, April 19 (Associated Press).—No detailed information regarding the divorce proceedings of former Senator Hollis in Bulgaria has reached the Bulgarian Legation here. A message received to-day at the legation merely announced the Government's decision not to recognize the divorce as legal.

Pastor Topitsky, who granted the divorce, is known to some of the legation staff. He is described as having a wide acquaintance in Bulgaria. During the war he is said to have received considerable notoriety because of an unsuccessful effort to obtain exemption from military service.

Hollis married Grace Brunton Fisher of Norwood, Mass., in 1913. Early in March of this year he obtained a divorce in Sofia, Bulgaria, and at Rome he married Miss Anne White Hobbs of Concord, N. H. The ceremony was witnessed by Ambassador Child and former Senator Phelan of California.

At the time of the Rome marriage it was said that the divorce decree had been made legal by the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry. It appeared from the text of the decree that Hollis was a resident of Bulgaria without prejudice to his American citizenship. E. T. Moore, a former law partner of Hollis, said he had also obtained a divorce in the French courts three months before his re-marriage.

Attorneys for the first Mrs. Hollis contended that under the terms of the decree of separation she obtained in New Hampshire neither she nor he had the right to remarry.

British public opinion is most assuredly favorable to America. They not only welcome the fruits of the Washington Conference, but are genuinely overjoyed at the evidence of

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### 60 GIRLS SAVED, 150 TRAPPED, IN 5TH AVE. GOWN SHOP FIRE; PARADE CROWDS CHEER HEROES

### FOLLIES BEAUTY TAKES POISON, WILL RECOVER

Miss Lee Worthington May Have Swallowed Mercury Tablet by Accident.

Miss Lee Worthington, one of the beauties of the Ziegfeld Follies, took bichloride of mercury tablets, either by intent or accident to-day in her home, No. 68 West 56th Street, and was removed to Bellevue Hospital. It was said she would recover, owing to the prompt aid that had come to her from a physician who was summoned before the hospital ambulance was called.

On the first floor of the apartment house lives Mrs. M. C. Morgan, the superintendent, who, at the request of Miss Worthington's father, a resident of Boston, was acting in guardianship over her. Mrs. Morgan said this afternoon that she had no knowledge whether the young woman, who is 22, intended to kiss herself. But she said that in the last few days Miss Worthington had been very much worried by the publication in a paper in this city of a quarrel she had with another girl in the Follies in a dressing room five or six weeks ago.

Miss Worthington complained to her maid of a headache when she got up this morning and told her she intended taking some medicine for it. Then she went into the bathroom and a few minutes later was found on the floor writhing with pain. Beside her was an open bottle of mercury tablets. A physician of the neighborhood hastily summoned gave her an antidote and urged her removal to the hospital.

### ONEIDA INDIANS WIN 20-YEAR SUIT FOR CITY PROPERTY

Decision Based on Fact That There Never Was Legal Surrender.

SYRACUSE, April 19.—Climaxing a twenty-year court fight by the United States Government on behalf of Indians of the Oneida Tribe, Federal Judge Cooper this morning signed an order evicting Mrs. Julia Daylan and Mrs. Anna Sevier Meyer from thirty-two acres of land in the City of Oneida.

The order restores the land to the possession of three families of the tribe on the ground that the progenitors of these present members of the families never legally gave up the thirty-two acres of land which had been ceded to the Oneidas by a treaty between New York State and the five tribes of the Iroquois in 1850.

The original action brought by the United States on behalf of its wards, the members of the Oneida tribe, was for recovery of much larger acreage than that named in the eviction order, and it is expected that orders giving additional land in the city of Oneida to the Indians will be obtained from Judge Cooper within a short time.

### NAVY PLANE FLIES 190 MILES AN HOUR

Capt. Francis F. Mulcahy of the Marine Corps, made nine tests over a kilometre course to-day at Curtiss Field, Mineola, of the Thomas-Morse MB-7 monoplane "weaver."

The fastest time was 136 miles an hour. The world's record is 203 miles.

14 Slide Down Rope Ladder Made by Policeman of Canvas Covers.

\$10,000 IN GOWNS LOST.

Apparel Bought by Mrs. G. W. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Geo. Widener.

George McDonald, a Negro shipping clerk in the military and gown establishment of Tappe, Inc., at No. 9 West 57th Street, just off Fifth Avenue, ran out to the sidewalk from the basement at 10 o'clock to-day shouting "Fire!"

A moment later the screams and shouts of 150 girls employed in the gaily excited crowds which were lining the Fifth Avenue sidewalks waiting for the appearance of the Ringling circus parade. There was an instant rush into 57th Street.

Girls were struggling and screaming at every window of the five-story brownstone house, clawing at each other and shouting threats to jump. From the basement windows curls of heavy, greasy smoke were rolling up the front of the building.

In the gathering multitude was Fireman Walter Murphy, of No. 1 Truck. He has been on leave ill with pleurisy and was on his way to Fire Headquarters to be examined for return to duty. Murphy ran to the door of the home of Warner Van Norden, the banker, No. 7 West 57th Street, demanded admission and without any further requests ran up through the house and to the roof. He dived down into a pent house on the roof of the Tappe Building.

On the top floor at the landing Murphy found six girls who either had fainted or were helpless from fright. He pulled them to their feet, shook them and started them for the roof. The smoke from below had collected at the top of the house and was dense and hot, but the opening of the roof door had cleared it slightly. All but two of the girls were able to climb to the roof. The fireman dragged those two up and laid them on the roof.

Going down to the fourth floor, Murphy found Miss Celia Tappe, the sister of the proprietor, slumped across a show case, unconscious. He carried her to the roof. The girls had by this time recovered in the air and were able to take Miss Tappe with them to the Van Norden house through the scuttles. Murphy had seen another woman on the floor when he discovered Miss Tappe, and went back for her. She was Miss Faust. The fire fumes and the burden of carrying her dead weight up the two flights were just a little bit too much for the weakened lungs of the fireman. He tumbled into a heap with her midway on the upper flight.

Policeman Thompson of the West 57th Street Station and Policeman Hoffman of the East 164th Street Station, who had been at the Fifth Avenue curb detailed on parade duty, had followed Murphy into the Van Norden house directed by the frantic cries of hundreds of spectators who were being worked into intense emotion by the sight of the frightened girls at the windows. Their screams by that time were becoming choked to faintness by the steadily increasing flood of smoke up the front of the house.

It was all Thompson and Hoffman could do to get Murphy and Miss Faust out on the roof. They made

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